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EPA, LOUDONVILLE REACH AGREEMENT; INCLUDES \$3,000 FINE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 has recently reached agreement with the Village of Loudonville, OH, on hazardous waste violations. The agreement includes a \$3,000 fine.

EPA cited Loudonville in June 1993, as part of an illegal operators initiative, for:

- * treating, storing, and disposing of hazardous waste without a permit, and
- * transporting hazardous waste without meeting manifest requirements.

As part of the settlement, Loudonville agreed to cease all treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous waste and to submit a closure plan for a disposal site.

EPA issued the agreement, or consent order, under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

"EPA is committed to ensuring full compliance with requirements designed to protect human health and the environment from effects of hazardous wastes," said Norman Niedergang, regional director, Office of RCRA.

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EPA TARGETS HAZARDOUS WASTE "ILLEGAL OPERATORS" IN NATIONWIDE ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state inspections and tips from private citizens have resulted in 32 civil and 11 criminal cases involving illegal handling of hazardous waste nationwide, with penalties projected at more than \$10 million, it was announced today by EPA and six states.

Individuals, companies, municipalities, and state and federal facilities were cited for evading significant notification requirements of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the nation's "cradle to grave" hazardous waste law. Cases filed by the states of New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Utah, and Kansas supplement EPA's 17 administrative and nine criminal cases, and emphasize the close federal/state partnership in enforcing environmental laws (case list attached). Today's announcement highlights further EPA enforcement efforts to stop illegal hazardous waste operations. The "illegal operator" enforcement initiative was first announced in February 1992.

An "illegal operator" is any hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facility, or hazardous waste generator or transporter that fails to notify EPA or an authorized state agency of hazardous waste activities requiring RCRA permits. The RCRA requirements, which rely on complete and accurate data provided to EPA or the state by waste operations, were developed to ensure the safe treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous wastes and to prevent the potential for releases of these chemicals into the environment.

"Today's actions demonstrate the Clinton Administration's commitment to vigorously enforcing our environmental laws," said Carol M. Browner, EPA Administrator. "We are protecting human health and our valuable natural resources by taking action against any illegal hazardous waste threat -- whether the violators are individuals, corporations, municipalities, states, or federal facilities."

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